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SUBJECT: USIRJC COMMITTEE MEETINGS--SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND EDUCATION: U. S. DELEGATION AND AGENDA

1. U.S. DELEGATION TO S, T AND E MEETING WILL CONSIST OF
CO-CHAIRMAN DR. OSWALD H. GANLEY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY OF STATE, OES/APT; MR. RICHARD T. GRAY, GROUP LEADER,
INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, NSF; DR.
DAVID D. DAVIDSON, BRANCH CHIEF, MIDDLE EASTERN AND ASIAN
GEOLOGY, USGS; MR. ROBERT J. SHEPHARD, DIRECTOR OF MARINE
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BERG, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN
PROGRAMS, CU, DEPT. OF STATE; DR. R. R. RONKIN, STAFF AS-
SOCIATE, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, NSF. GANLEY
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WILL ARRIVE 1850 AUGUST 2 ON PA 2. WILL DEPART 0830 AU-

GUST 8 ON PA 1. ASSUME OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL PLAN SPEND PERIOD AUGUST 2-6 IN TEHRAN; WILL CABLE FIRM ETAS AND ETDS ASAP. REQUEST SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN SAME HOTEL.

2. SUGGESTED AGENDA INCLUDES FOLLOWING ITEMS:

(I) OPENING PLENARY SESSION (FIRST MORNING)

A. WELCOMING REMARKS BY IRANIAN CO-CHAIRMAN AND RESPONSE BY U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN

B. REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST MEETING

C. IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS

D. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

E. DESIGNATION OF WORKING GROUPS FOR INDIVIDUAL AREAS OF COOPERATION AND FOR ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE SUGGESTED WORKING GROUPS ARE:

1. REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS; 2. GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SURVEYS; 3. OCEANOGRAPHY; 4. SEISMIC STUDIES; 5. SOLAR ENERGY (TENTATIVE); 6. EDUCATION; 7. ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

II. WORKING GROUP SESSIONS (FIRST AFTERNOON AND SECOND MORNING)

A. PREPARATION OF ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAM IN SUBJECT PRIORITY AREAS

B. PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, MODALITIES FOR COOPERATION

III. SECOND PLENARY SESSION (AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY)

A. STUDY OF WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS
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B. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE AREAS OF COOPERATION

C. PREPARATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE J. C.

D. PREPARATION OF AGREED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

3. UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (I. D.

SUPRA), WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RAISE IDEA THAT COMMITTEE BE SPLIT INTO TWO COMMITTEES, ONE HANDLING S AND T MATTERS AND ONE HANDLING EDUCATION AND CULTURAL MATTERS (SEE DISCUSSION PARA 6 INFRA.)

4. SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR THE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

I. OPENING REMARKS BY WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN.

II. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AT THE GRADUATE STUDENT, RESEARCH SCHOLAR AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS.

A. PROGRESS SINCE LAST SESSION: EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION

1. EXPANSION OF FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM THROUGH AMENDED AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE COST-SHARING.

2. EXPANSION OF NUMBERS OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS IN IRAN THROUGH IRANIAN BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP GIFT.

3. OTHER ITEMS.

B. FUTURE PRIORITIES: EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF NEED, SCOPE, FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. US/IRAN COOPERATION IN TRAINING TEACHERS OF BASIC SCIENCES; ENGLISH; FIRST GRADE TECHNICIANS. COOPERATION TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULA, EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES, AND EXCHANGE OF TEACHERS AND TEACHING SUPERVISORS.

2. EXPANSION OF SHORT-TERM ACADEMIC COOPERATION

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(A) SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, AND SUMMER INSTITUTES IN IRAN AND THE U.S. SPECIFIC FIELDS.

(B) INCREASING SHORT-TERM GRANTS, INCLUDING UNDER THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF US/IRAN COOPERATION IN TRAINING OF UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS (ADMISSIONS OFFICERS, DATA SYSTEMS ANALYSTS, DATA PROCESSING SPECIALISTS, REGISTRARS, ETC.)

4. EXPANSION OF STUDENT COUNSELING FOR IRANIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE U.S., AND FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN IRAN.

5. OTHER ITEMS.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS.

III. INTER-INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGES.

A. SPECIAL STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. ON WAY IN WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN IRANIAN AND AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING CAN BE FACILITATED AND EXPEDITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EARLY REALIZATION OF IRANIAN OBJECTIVES.

1. PROGRESS REPORT BY USDEL; 2. DISCUSSION; 3. RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. MECHANISMS TO IMPROVE US/IRAN INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGE AND FACULTY RECRUITMENT.

1. DISCUSSION; 2. RECOMMENDATIONS.

C. OTHER ITEMS.

IV. DEVELOPMENT OF AREA STUDIES.

A. AMERICAN STUDIES IN IRAN.

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1. DISCUSSION; 2. RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. PERSIAN STUDIES IN THE U.S.

1. DISCUSSION; 2. RECOMMENDATIONS.

V. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

A. POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE USIRJC ST AND E WORKING GROUP

1. DISCUSSION; 2. RECOMMENDATIONS.

VI. OTHER ITEMS.

VII. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP BY THE CHAIRMAN.

VIII. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

5. DR. GANLEY PROPOSES THAT COMMITTEE PLAN TO MEET

AUGUST 4 AND 5.

6. WE ARE OF OPINION THAT S, T AND E COMMITTEE, AS NOW CONSTITUTED, OFFERS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOCUS ON EDUCATION MATTERS, AND WE ARE CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING THAT

COMMITTEE BE SPLIT INTO TWO COMMITTEES AS NOTED PARA 3, SUPRA (NOTE: FYI ONLY. DR. KAZEMIAN, MINISTER COUNSEL FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT IRANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON AGREES. END FYI.) FYI. POSSIBILITY THAT RECONSTITUTED S AND T COMMITTEE CAN, SOMEHOW, BREAK LOOSE FROM ALMOST TOTAL RELIANCE UPON PARSA AS IRANIAN COUNTERPART OFFERS FURTHER RATIONALE FOR SPLIT. WE WILL BE PROVIDING YOU WITH OUR IDEAS ON MODALITIES FOR THIS AND WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS. END FYI. PARTICULARLY NOW THAT EDUCATIONAL LINKS STUDY IS COMPLETE, WE BELIEVE THAT RE-NEWED FOCUS ON COOPERATION IN EDUCATION FIELD WOULD OFFER POSSIBILITIES TO MAKE A START WITH SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THAT STUDY. IT COULD, ALSO, PROVIDE A MEANS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVOLVE THE IRANIAN ACADEMIC ESTABLISHMENT DIRECTLY, AS OPPOSED TO ITS MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES, IN THE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT. EDUCATION COMMITTEE COULD, MOREOVER, AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED S, T, AND E COMMITTEE APPARENTLY CANNOT, INVESTIGATE AREA OF COOPERATION IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, IF THIS TOPIC IS OF ANY INTEREST TO THE IRANIANS. INCLUDING CULTURAL WITH EDUCATION MATTERS WOULD SEEM TO OFFER A WAY TO MAKE THE JOINT EFFORT LESS ONE-SIDED. AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD EXPECT THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT BE BURDENED BY ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A PURVIEW OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, SINCE THESE SEEM TO BE CURRENTLY PROGRESSING WELL.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY BROACH IDEAS OF SPLITTING S, T, AND E COMMITTEE TO APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF GOI AND REPORT REACTION. WE ASSUME THAT EDUCATION MATTERS COULD BE ADDRESSED WITHIN S, T, AND E COMMITTEE FOR AUGUST MEETING, IN ANY EVENT. IF GOI AGREES TO SPLIT COMMITTEE, COMMITTEE COULD RECOMMEND THAT PROCEDURE AND COMMISSION COULD APPROVE SAME. MODALITIES OF CREATING NEW EDUCATION AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE COULD BE ADDRESSED AFTER THE AUGUST MEETING.

8. WE WELCOME IRANIAN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS ON PROPOSED AGENDA AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW NAMES OF IRANIAN DELEGATION MEMBERS.

9. FYI. PROPOSAL THAT ENERGY R AND D COOPERATION BE SPLIT OUT TO BE HANDLED BY RECONSTITUTED ENERGY COMMITTEE WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPTTEL. END FYI. KISSINGER

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